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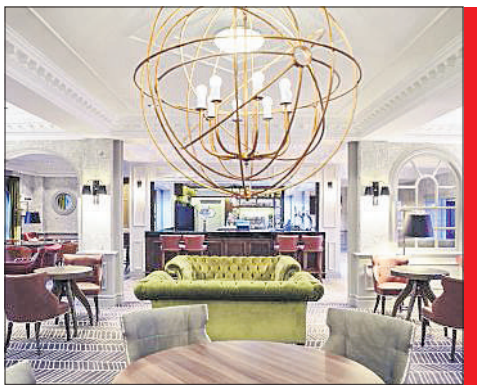

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Pals' tribute to terror victims

A GROUP of friends from Skelmersdale held a tribute outside the library in the town last Friday (June 9) to remember the victims of the Manchester and London terror attacks.

The event was the idea of Camran Sohail and around 300 people - including staff from West Lancashire College, the borough council, the library and West Lancs CVS - stopped by between noon and 8pm to lay flowers and sign a book of remembrance.

Camran said: "It was my idea with my friends to organise the remembrance event.

"People from throughout the town showed their solidarity with the people of London and Manchester. Everyone must stand up against what has happened to regain the peace. We will pray for peace. We stand together with the people of these cities."

It is hoped to present the remembrance book from the Skelmersdale event to a planned permanent memorial in Manchester.

Camran added: "I want to thank Skelmersdale police, staff from Skelmersdale library, the Concourse management, and the borough council for supporting me to organise this event."

Camran Sohail and friends at Friday's event in Skelmersdale remembering the Manchester and London terror attack victims

PROJECT TO DEVELOP TOWN'S 'JEWEL'!

Report by **Henry James**

Public meeting to launch consultation on scheme to improve Tawd Valley's appeal and accessibility

A NEW project is being launched to look at how the Tawd Valley, often described as Skelmersdale's 'jewel in the crown', could be developed to improve its appeal and accessibility to local people.

Wide-ranging consultation is planned between now and October with the aim of producing a master plan to guide future development and look at how the park can be sustainable.

This will be launched at a public meeting next Wednesday, June 21 in the main hall of the Ecumenical Centre in Northway, opposite the Concourse shopping centre, starting at 6.30pm.

The event is being held by Groundwork Cheshire Lancashire and Merseyside, with support from West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service.

Later in the year the master plan will be produced using the feedback and suggestions received during the consultation process. The next stage will be to produce a fully-costed plan having gone through a process of prioritising suggestions for the park based on their feasability.

The work to be carried out will depend upon the feedback received as part of the consultation process.

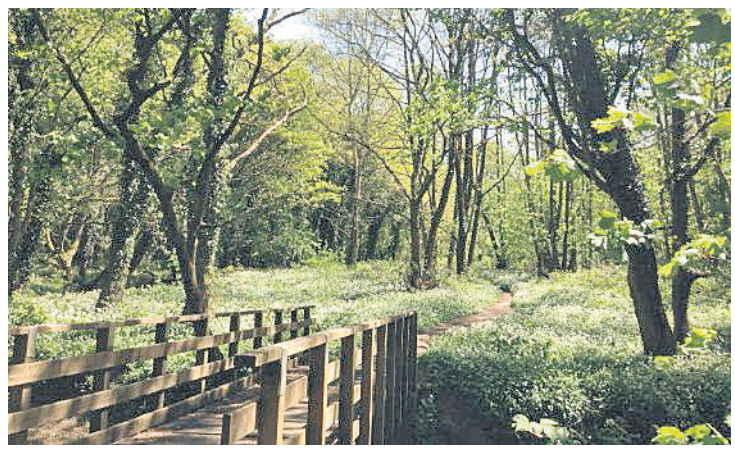
The project is being led by West Lancashire Borough Council, supported by a project steering group with representatives from the Environment Agency, Lancashire County Council, the River Douglas Catchment Partnership, Groundwork, West Lancs CVS and SHARES.

Supporters of the scheme believe the Tawd Valley - a lush wooded valley running for 2km through the heart of Skelmersdale - is an underutilised local resource with huge potential to provide opportunities for both wildlife enthusiasts and those simply looking for recreational activities to enjoy.

As well as a beautiful and restful country escape in the heart of the town, the valley is a haven for wildlife. Tests over recent years have indicated that the water quality of the river is generally very good, providing a healthy home and habitat for a variety of fauna.

Last year, 1,500 fish - mainly roach, chub and dace - were released into the Tawd in the park, while kingfishers have also been spotted there in recent times.

It is hoped the future development of the valley will further improve the natural environment, including the creation of sustainable wetlands in specific areas beside the river, to further improve the quality of the water running through the Tawd into the River Douglas.



The Tawd Valley in Skelmersdale

As well as looking after the ecological interests of the valley, the park provide recreational opportunities for local people such as walking, jogging, and cycling, as well as fishing and bird watching.

Jeff McMaster, communications manager for Groundwork Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, one of the partners in the project, said: "The overall aim is to look at how to provide opportunities for people to enjoy the valley to the full, whilst at the same time generating the financial resources needed for the area to be looked after and maintained.

"The Tawd Valley Park is a fantastic

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Kite festival grounded for this year

THE Northern Kite Group which organises the annual Kite Festival at Beacon Country Park in Up Holland has decided to cancel this year's event, scheduled for Sunday (June 18, due to unforeseen circumstances.

The event will not be rescheduled this year, but there are plans to hold an event in 2018. West Lancs Council is advising people to look out for further details later in the year.

Primary school celebrates its golden milestone

PUPILS and staff past and present came together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Trinity CE Methodist Primary School in Skelmersdale.

To mark the occasion, a number of services were held at neighbouring St Paul's Church in Church Road, on Friday, June 9 followed by a Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 10.

Following a morning thanksgiving service on the Friday, present pupils gave a performance of 'Trinity Through the Decades' in the afternoon featuring songs from each one, plus reminisces of past events at the school.

Footage of an interview with former headteacher, Albert Bain, was shown while other past staff members recorded their funny moments to video.

Inclement weather forced the Family Fun Day to be held indoors where a display of old school photographs was a popular attraction.

Other features of the day were a BBQ, with burgers kindly provided by parent Michael Parker from West Lancs Butchers; a bouncy castle, supplied by Mr and Mrs Wright; DJ duties performed by John Davies; music by Skelmersdale Prize Band whose members included another parent, Mr Maguire; a 'beat the goalie' competition; and staff performing maypole dancing!

One of the organisers of the event, school administration officer, Lynda Waring, said: "Everyone said how much they loved the school and how they had enjoyed their time there. During the events people had a chat about old times and memories from years ago and it was good to see past pupils and members of staff.

"The event involved much work but it was worth it because we had such a good celebration.

"The atmosphere was magical on Saturday, everyone had a great time and one former pupil made a special effort travelling all the way from Shanghai join in the 50th anniversary celebrations!"

Deputy mayoress of West Lancs, Ann Stubbert chats with Trinity heads past and present, Albert Bain (right) and Richard Kershaw at the 50th anniversary church service

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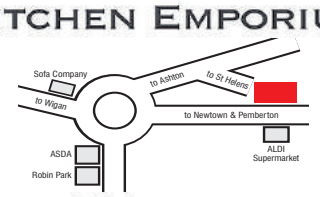

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Rosie Cooper wins fourth term with increased majority

Labour stalwart sees off Tory challenge with 11,000-plus votes to spare

Report by **Henry James**

HEALTH care, flooding and the long-awaited rail connection for Skelmersdale are just three of the local issues which Rosie Cooper has pledged to focus on following her victory in last Thursday's General Election.

Despite suggestions early in the campaign that the Tories had targeted it as a winnable seat, the Labour stalwart won her fourth term as MP for West Lancashire with an increased majority, polling 32,030 votes, almost 59% of the total cast.

That was more than 11,600 ahead of her nearest rival, the Conservatives' Sam Currie with 20,341.

Joe Barton, representing the Liberal Democrats, finished a distant third with 1,069 votes, ahead of Nate Higgins (Green Party) with 680 and David Braid (War Veterans Pro-Traditional Family Party) with 269.

Turnout was an impressive 74.41%, up from 70.26%. in the 2015 poll.

Speaking to the Champion immediately following the declaration of the result at around 3.20am, Ms Cooper said: "It was a phenomenal result. The people of West Lancashire have spoken and I am grateful they have voted for me.

"I want to carry on working hard. There are so many local issues that are important such as the hospital and flooding.

"I also want to see a train station for Skelmersdale, and I want to hold the Tories to account for the Burscough Curves.

"Also among the top priorities is health. We have got to make sure that the future of Southport and Ormskirk hospitals is secure.

Rosie Cooper pictured with members of the West Lancashire Labour group just before the result

"There are huge problems with Virgin Care. The NHS has been destabilised now that £65m has gone to Virgin. The contract began in May and the reports I have heard are not good. I will hold Virgin to account for any concerns.

"I had no idea I would increase my majority. I just had to work hard.

"I believe I have a record of delivering for the people of West Lancashire. This is a contract between me and the people of West Lancashire and I have to get on."

In her acceptance speech following the official announcement of the result she had commented: "This election was supposed to be about one issue - Brexit. However there are other important issues, such as the NHS and the police, which matter to people in their daily lives.

"I want to work on behalf of the people of West Lancashire in Parliament. I am not Parliament's voice here, so I am truly grateful for the confidence people have had in me.

"I have kept one group of people until the end and that is the individuals who helped bring this about - my campaign team. They have walked about 13 or 14 miles a day to help produce this result.

"I also want to thank Chris Mawdsley, who has been my agent for the last three elections. He is an absolute genius. You are all brilliant, but he is the boss."

Conservative candidate, Sam Currie, said: "I want to start by congratulating Rosie. I also want to thank all the people who helped me with canvassing. Also I want to thank the council staff and the election staff who have worked very hard today."

Full result

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Council use new powers to evict 73-year-old convicted of child porn offences from sheltered housing flat

WEST Lancs Council has made its first use of new powers to evict a 73-year-old man from his sheltered housing flat in Skelmersdale after he was convicted of child porn offences.

Wigan County Court heard that Joseph Riley, formerly of Beechwood Court, Birkrig, Digmoor, had been convicted at Liverpool Crown Court of four counts of making indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children and one count of possessing an indecent photograph or pseudo photograph of children.

The images were all level A, the highest-rated classification.

He was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for 24 months, given a two-year supervision order, and ordered to attend an Internet sexual offending programme.

A five-year sexual harm prevention order and a 10-year sex offenders notice were also granted against him, along with a forfeiture order for all his computer equipment.

The offences were so serious that they gave the council grounds to take action to repossess the property under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and evict Mr Riley.

This was the first time the authority had used these powers and the county court granted possession of the property, a flat in a sheltered accommodation block, to the council at the hearing on May 22.

Responsibility

Mr Riley, who was not at the county court hearing, handed the keys back to the council on May 26.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, the council's director of housing and inclusion, said: "As a landlord the council simply will not tolerate tenants committing crimes in our properties.

"The council has a variety of powers available to evict tenants convicted of criminal offences and we will choose the most effective method in each case.

"The council has a responsibility to protect its tenants and their guests, who in this case were often young children as well as others living in the community.

"As such, seeking possession under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 confirms the seriousness of the situation."

Dave Tilleray, the council's director of leisure and wellbeing, added: "Child pornography is a despicable crime that preys upon the most vulnerable in our society. The council has taken the strongest possible action against Mr Riley and this sends out a clear message to tenants that they must abide by the law. If they don't, they could lose their homes."

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Mr Farrah (left) with Alistair Igo from NatWest

Management buyout at Skem manufacturer

A SKELMERSDALE-based manufacturing company is set to create a handful of new jobs following a management buyout.

Mabruk Farrah has purchased the assets of Mechan Controls from the Mandicom PLC Group after funding totalling £900k to support the deal was provided by NatWest.

Mr Farrah is now the sole shareholder of Mechan Controls, as well as a minority shareholder of the Mandicom PLC Group.

Around four new jobs are expected to be created in addition to the current 15 members of staff at the manufacturing base in Seddon Place on the Stanley industrial estate.

Founded in 1971, Mechan Controls Limited provides safety control switches used by global organisations in their manufacturing processes.

Mr Farrah said: "I have been a technical director at Mechan Controls for almost two decades and witnessed it grow from a small-scale supplier to the global leader in machine safety switches it is today. Taking ownership is a milestone for me and I am looking forward to continuing our growth and strengthening our position in the industry."

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Top chef signs up to be brand ambassador for Ormskirk oven firm

Nick Jones with Michelin-starred chef Atul Kochhar during his visit to Ormskirk

A MICHELIN-starred chef visited a business in Ormskirk to shoot an advert for their clay ovens.

Nick Jones, 46, came up with the idea for Tandoor-i, his home business selling specialised integrated tandoor ovens, last year after being unable to find one for his own home that wasn't a huge commercially-sized version.

A tandoor oven is traditionally a cylindrical clay or metal oven used in cooking and baking but Nick's ovens are clay ones which are fitted into an island unit in the kitchen with access from above via a metal lid, taking up one unit's worth of space.

He invited top chef Atul Kochhar to become a brand ambassador for the product and to film an advert for the ovens at the firm's West Lancs base last week.

Nick said: "Atul made the journey from London to Ormskirk to become our brand ambassador, which we were delighted about.

" We are really excited to work with Atul, he is a natural choice as he is passionate about Indian cuisine."

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Visitors and participants at the Make a Noise in Libraries and Family Fun Day at Skelmersdale library

Sound of music at library Friends' fun event

MEMBERS of a community group which aims to promote awareness and raise funds to provide free activities for library users organised an event with a difference.

Silence is usually the order of the day among the book shelves but Skelmersdale library rung to the sound of music on Saturday, June 10 when the Friends of Skelmersdale Library staged a 'Make a Noise in Libraries' event at the venue in Southway.

Starting at 10.30am, children with their parents or carers were invited to go along and join in some craft activities and make a musical instrument. Then from 11.30am the choir from Little Digmoor Primary school in Abbeystead performed, followed by other musicians and singers.

Chair of the Friends, Mary Whitby, said: "It was a happy, noisy day and we also had a cake stall and refreshments."

Sky's the limit for young girl footballers as Skem tournament is covered by satellite broadcaster

Organisers say TV presence was 'icing on the cake'

Report by **Henry James**

TEAMS from across the UK took part in the Skelmersdale Athletic National Girls Football Tournament held for the 10th time on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11 when more than 1,000 young footballers took to Blaguegate sports fields.

Held in association with the NSPCC, the event has raised more than £30,000 to date to enable the charity to help keep children safe from abuse and neglect.

Teams that won the age groups came from as far afield as Glasgow, Essex, the North East and Leicestershire, as well as all over the North West.

A crew from Sky Sports went down to the event on the Saturday but had to cancel due to technical problems and adverse weather.

But they returned on the Sunday and spent the whole the day at the event.

Members of the local Dynamo Rangers squad who took part in last weekend's Skelmersdale Athletic Girls Football Tournament pictured with Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey, Mayoress Julie Furey, team manager Stuart Hunt and tournament organiser Mike Vella (right).

Benefits

Everton and England international Mollie Green, Maz Pacheco from Doncaster Belles and England international Hannah Dale were also in attendance.

Mollie did an interview with Sky Sports about the event and explained that she and Maz had played in it before for Skem Athletic. She went on to talk about the benefits of national tournaments like the Skelmersdale tournament.

Peter Stevenson from Sky put together a short documentary about the competition and its history and some of the interviews with players and clubs were broadcast live on Sky Sports News.

A short documentary on the event is due to shown on Sky Sports Weekly at the ende of the month.

One of the organisers, Mike Vella, said: "It was a good weekend, despite the bad weather leading up to our event and on the opening day. It goes to show that with a dedicated bunch of local volunteers anything is possible.

"For 10 years we have put together the largest girls football event in the UK and all the hours of very hard work we have put in are finally paying off.

"To have Sky Sports there was the icing on the cake. Not only does it help improve our event, but it also puts our town Skelmersdale on the map, a town we are proud of."

Consultation launched on plan to improve Tawd Valley

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asset for the people of Skelmersdale. It provides an urban oasis in the centre of town which is easily accessible from a number of estates and providing a green corridor to places such as the Concourse, the college and high schools.

"The partners hope this consultation will help residents understand why the park is under-used and allow the community to suggest how it could be made better for them.

"The results will help the partners decide which new activities will encourage more people to use the park, as well as improve ecological aspects. This will not only improve the health of the park but will also offer health and recreational benefits for the local communities to enjoy, increasing the importance of this sometimes unnoticed natural environment to the local community."

The first phase will involve consultation with residents and people who already use or have an interest in the park - including local primary schools, secondary schools and colleges - to see what direction future improvements should take. The results of these will help to form the content of a questionnaire to be issued later in the summer seeking the views of the wider public as to how the valley might be developed.

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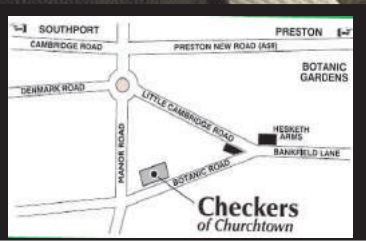

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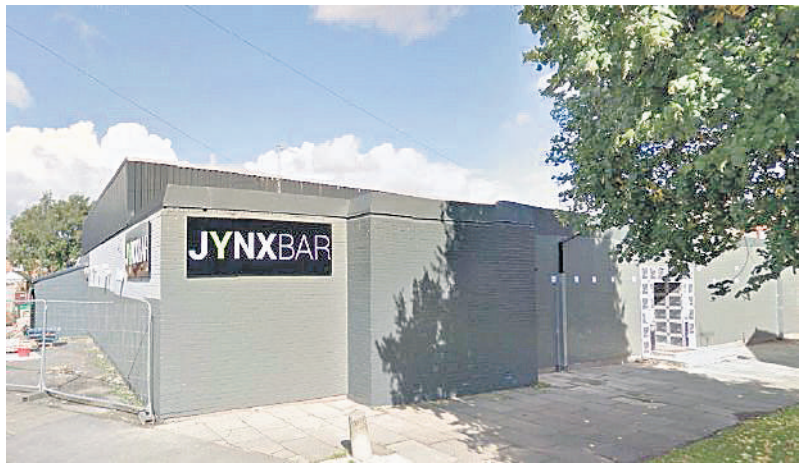
Council 'yellow card' for club after complaints about noise nuisance

Report by **Henry James**



The Jynx Bar in Witham Road

WEST Lancs Council has issued a 'yellow card' to the owners of a bar in Skelmersdale following a raft of complaints by residents.

The authority received more than 50 complaints of noise nuisance in five months in relation to the Jynx Bar in Witham Road.

An application for a review of the bar's premises licence was submitted by the council's environmental protection and community safety team at a meeting of the licensing sub-committee on Tuesday, June 6.

The meeting was told that since the bar's opening following refurbishment in November 2016, the team had received numerous complaints from the public about noise, both from entertainment and patrons, but mostly the latter.

The first of these were received just three days after the bar's opening.

On Friday, January 27 two senior environmental health officers had visited the premises and witnessed raised voices, shouting, screeching and swearing noise from patrons using the smoking shelter area.

They said the noise was "so loud that it would have prevented persons sleeping and interfering with the use of their property."

On February 6, a Noise Abatement notice was served under the Environment Protection Act 1990 following the noise from patrons in and around the smoking area, which was not subject to appeal. The council has said there was evidence that this had been breached six times.

In a report before the meeting there was also evidence that the condition on the licence had been breached which stated: 'Customers will not be permitted to congregate outside the premises at any time other than for the purpose of smoking and this will be subject to regular checks by the management to ensure any persons smoking are not causing a disturbance to residents.'

The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor were forwarded copies of the application for review.

The yellow card warning will remain on the licence for a period of two years. The premises licence holder has been told to modify the smoking shelter to the front of the premises as soon as possible and no later than October 31.

The owners of the Jynx Bar have been contacted for comment but at the time of going to press had not responded.

College stages last Open Evening of academic year

WEST Lancashire College's Skelmersdale campus stages its final Open Evening of the current academic year from 4.30 to 7pm today (Wednesday, June 14).

The event offers prospective learners the opportunity to explore facilities and find out more about the wide range of courses and training available.

In addition, visitors will be able to view the college's annual Art Exhibition, a catwalk by Media Make Up students and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

The college aims to work closely with the business community and offer programmes that meet local and regional job priorities.

This year it has continued to invest in education for the people of West Lancashire and beyond, recently launching The Francesco graduate hairdressing salon and The Works training restaurant.

There are also plans for a new technology and logistics centre, based at the Skelmersdale campus adjacent to Asda, to be opened later this year.

Primary school's fundraising day for seafarers' charity

YOUNGSTERS from Dalton St Michael's CE Primary organised a fundraising day in aid of the Royal Navy and Royal Mariners Charity in memory of the uncle of two fellow pupils, Maya and Oliver, who died in an accident while serving with the navy.

The whole school rallied round to get involved in the day which featured cakes sales, a sponsored walk and some good humoured sponge-thowing, raising a grand total of £168.27.

Players from the under-9s section of Skelmersdale Junior Football League pictured at their presentation day at The Buffs community club.

Junior Football League signs off with grand presentation event!

MORE than 1,000 medals were handed out when the Skelmersdale Junior Football League staged their annual end-of-season presentations at the Buffs Community Club, Quarry Bank where new chairman of Lancashire County Council, Councillor Terry Aldridge was among the guests.

League chairman, Joe Nelson, said: "Over the course of the morning we had seven group presentations for the youngsters aged between seven and 14 who had played throughout the season. In total more than a thousand medals were handed out.

"We would like to thank the borough council for their support throughout the season - Steve Kent and Paula were a great help.

"I know in Liverpool the council shuts the fields down in April but our games had to be played later in the year than they should have been and the council accommodated us.

"We start again the first Sunday in September when the children have gone back to school."

The league, founded in 1972, is a non-profit organisation, which originally catered for youngsters aged between 10 and 12.

However, over the years it has continued to expand and flourish and now caters for 75 teams in age groups ranging from under-sevens up to under-14s.

During the season there are more than 40 games each Sunday and the facilities at Liverpool Road host more than 1,500 people made up of players, team officials and spectators.

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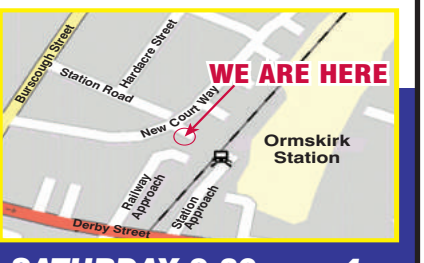

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Mere staff have high hopes for 'bug hotel' world record bid

by Danielle Thompson

STAFF at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre at Martin Mere are bidding to achieve their very own Guinness World Record entry by creating the world's biggest 'bug hotel'!

Work has already started on the structure at the nature reserve in Burscough in an attempt to surpass the current record of 10 cubic metres.

The 'hotel' is be built using corrugated boxes provided by the local branch of packaging firm DS Smith, and filled with foliage from the gardens of visitors to the centre and local parks.

All the boxes will then be placed into a wooden frame structure that has a base of bricks, slate, logs and branches to create the hotel.

Martin Mere centre manager Nick Brooks shows how work is coming along on their world record bid 'bug hotel'

Vital role

Independent witnesses from Liverpool World Museum will be there to watch a surveyor measure the structure and assess what creatures are already living in the hotel.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "We are going to ask 1,000 of our visitors to each fill a 25cm square box with logs, branches, bamboo canes and pine cones - basically anything you can find in your garden, local parks or here at the centre - to make the world's largest bug hotel at 16-plus cubic square metres.

"We are going to provide a safe place for insects and other animals to sleep, breed and hibernate.

"All life needs water and nearly all of it needs land too at some point. More than 100,000 species of animal rely on freshwater ecosystems alone, half of which are insects! The bug hotel is going to play a vital role in increasing the already amazing biodiversity of Martin Mere's wetland habitat."

David Richardson, managing director at DS Smith's Burscough site, added: "This is a brilliant project, involving the local community and ultimately providing a safe home for insects and other animals to sleep using versatile and sustainable materials.

"It was a pleasure to be involved in this project and we have our fingers crossed that the centre beats the world record."

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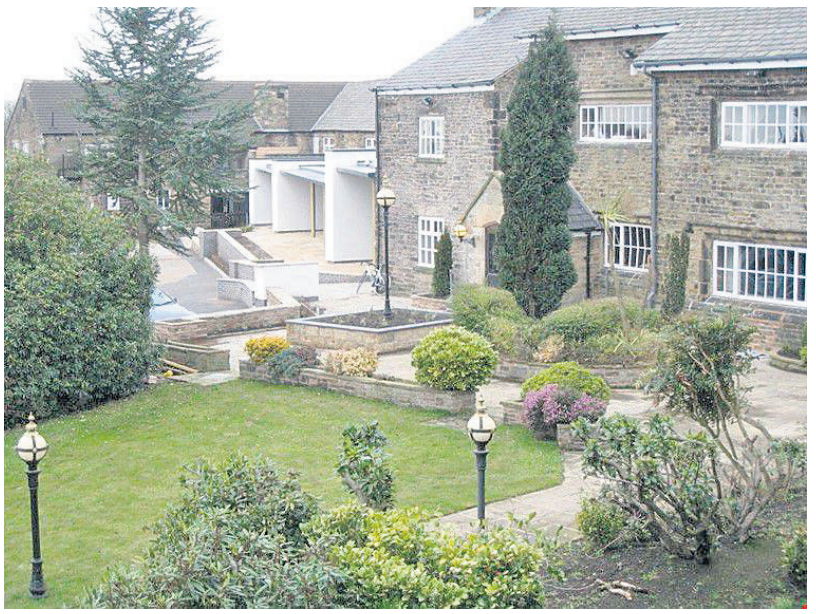
Caterers aiming to serve up recipe for success in business awards scheme

Report by **Henry James**

East Pimbo-based company in contention to be named best in county in three categories



Mellors base in Skelmersdale

A CATERING company based in Skelmersdale is in the running to be named best in Lancashire in three categories of a leading business awards scheme.

Mellors Catering Services, of Prescott Road, East Pimbo have been named as finalists in the Business of the Year category of the Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs).

And they are also contenders in the Leisure Business of the Year and Family Business of the Year sections.

Marketing manager at Mellors, Helen Roughley, said: "We are so thrilled to have got through to the finals in not just one but all three categories.

Passionate

"Having had a fabulous 2016 and a fantastic 2017 so far, including one of our most successful periods in the company's 22 year history, we feel we are truly the first choice contract caterer in the north.

"Our staff are passionate about what we do and accolades such as these just reinforce what a great team we have working for us and inspire us to do even more."

Run by North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, the BIBAs are the county's biggest and longest-running business awards programme.

The second round of judging will get underway from Monday, June 19 when judges hit the road to visit finalists in their business premises, travelling almost 100 miles in the process.

And following the judges' visits there will be an awards ceremony at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool on Friday, September 15 where the winners will be announced.

First World War Christmas tin is latest donation to veterans' conflict mementoes collection

A REPLICA tin box presented as a Christmas gift to servicemen in the First World War is the latest item of interest to be handed in to Skelmersdale Veterans' Association in response to their appeal for mementos of different conflicts.

During their recent collection at the town's Asda supermarket, association officials Tommy Creevy and Alan Lewis, received the box from a Mr Power.

The idea for the Christmas tin box was put forward by the young Princess Mary, who had originally intended to pay for a personal gift to each soldier and sailor, out of her own private allowance.

However, this was deemed impracticable and instead it was proposed that she lend her name to a public fund which would raise the necessary monies to provide the gift.

From the outset the young princess took a deep personal interest in the work of the fund.

In a letter released by Buckingham Palace explaining the fund and signed by the princess, she wrote: "I want you now to help me to send a Christmas present from the whole of the nation to every sailor afloat and every soldier at the front.

"I am sure that we should all be happier to feel that we had helped to send our little token of love and sympathy on Christmas morning, something that would be useful and of permanent value, and the making of which may be the means of providing employment in trades adversely affected by the war."

Mr Power hands over the replica Christmas Tin Box to Tommy Creevy from the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association

During the collection many local pupils told the veterans what they were doing at their schools across Skelmersdale and West Lancashire to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

And association members also visited St Francis of Assisi Primary School in Blakehall, Skelmersdale to watch a play on the First World War.

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Dr Ng with Jamie, Andrew and Holly Cranham

Hospital's children's diabetes team among best in country

THE paediatric team looking after children with diabetes at Ormskirk Hospital has been recognised as one of the best in the country.

A national audit found they were among the top performers for supporting children with type 1 diabetes in terms of quality improvements.

Seven-year-old Jamie Cranham from Scarisbrick, has been a patient at the hospital since he was diagnosed four years ago with type 1, the most common form of diabetes in youngsters.

His dad, Andrew, is the chair of Lancelots, a Diabetes UK support group for children with Type 1 diabetes. It is named after the lancets used for skin pricks to measure blood sugar.

"Jamie is my role model," said Andrew. "I look up to him because from an early age, and without a fuss, he's been able to do all the things he does with the help of the team here at the hospital.

"The Lancelots is somewhere Jamie can meet children like himself. It's also great for helping parents too and we do fundraising to give support where it's needed."

Jamie's doctor at Ormskirk Hospital, consultant paediatric endocrinologist Dr May Ng, said: "The Lancelots diabetes support group and the support of parents like Andrew and his wife Holly have been key to the success of this unit.

"Without their support, the brilliant professionals and the team that I work with wouldn't be able to make the steady and continued improvements to the care of our patients.

"Diabetes care has changed enormously in my 18 years as a doctor. With our staff's expertise and the enthusiasm of the Lancelots, I know we're ready to embrace emerging treatments and technology that will benefit local children in the years ahead."

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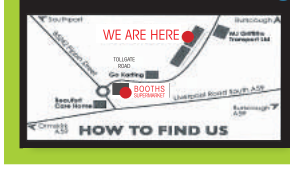

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Young fencers put rivals to the sword in regional competition

A TEAM of talented fencers from Scarisbrick Hall School put the opposition to the sword in the first event of the 2017 North West Junior Series at Liverpool College.

The Southport Road school fielded four competitors - Annabelle Montagu and Grace Michell in the under-13 girls epee; James Hughes in the under-13 boys epee and Alex Montagu in the under-15 boys epee.

The tournament started with the mixed poules and despite this being the first public competition for Alex, Annabelle and James, they all held their nerve under the added pressure of tournament conditions to give excellent performances.

The Scarisbrick fencers finished in three of the top four positions.

Alex was the only fencer to beat the top seed; James held the top seed to a 3-3 tie; and Grace finished in second seed position.

In the direct eliminations, the pupils performed magnificently securing three gold and one bronze in their respective age categories.

Particular credit goes to Annabelle who had to win against seed in the girls semi-final against Grace to progress to the final which she won in commanding fashion.

Members of the Scarisbrick Hall's School fencing club

Alex and James also did the school proud, bringing home the under-15 and under-13 boys gold medals respectively.

They were also supported on the day by Scarisbrick Hall 'old girl', Lindsey Hogg, who was fencing in the Liverpool Open ladies sabre event at the same venue.

She went over to congratulate the team after the medal presentation and wish them well in their fencing careers.

Congratulations also go to fencing club members Josh Porter-Lightwood, Finn Parker, Evie Day, Harry Boardman, James Hughes and Grace Michell who have just passed their British Academy of Fencing bronze awards after two terms of hard work in the gym.

The school club would like to thank Liverpool Fencing club and Rebekah Edwards for the loan of competition grade equipment to enable the pupils to compete on the day; and school fencing master, David Stobbs, for his dedicated coaching work.

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Visitors enjoying last year's Ormskirk Rugby Club Beer and Gin Festival fundraiser

Rugby club festival aimed at drumming up funds and recruits

OFFICIALS at Ormskirk Rugby Club are aiming to boost funds and recruit more members when they stage their fifth Beer and Gin Festival next weekend.

As well as the aforementioned beer and gin, the two-day event at the club in Green Lane will feature a host of family-friendly attractions including carnival stalls, a free bouncy castle for children, a rugby seven-a-side tournament and live music.

Running from 6 to 11pm on Friday, June 23 and 9am to 11pm on Saturday, June 24, the twin aims of the festival are to raise funds to support the club and encourage new recruits to take up the sport.

Currently the club boasts around 100 senior male players, about 20 senior female players, a team of junior ladies and in the region of 120 junior members - but they are keen to welcome more.

Club communications director, Neil Ainsworth, said: "This year we will be looking to build on the success of our previous beer festivals and will be making some more additions to the programme so that there will be something to entertain everyone.

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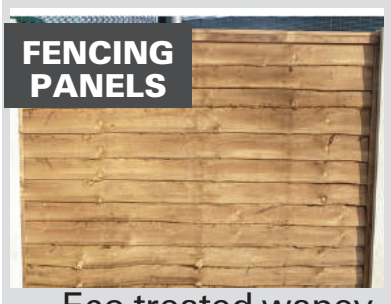

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Lancashire Police appoint new assistant chief constable

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has appointed a new assistant chief constable.

Terry Woods, currently a chief superintendent with the force, will take over from ACC Mark Bates when he retires this summer.

The appointment comes just a month after Sunita Gamblin, formerly chief superintendent at Derbyshire, was recruited to replace deputy chief constable Andy Rhodes who steps up to chief constable this month, creating a new chief officer group at Lancashire.

Terry Woods has worked at Lancashire Constabulary for 21 years, starting as a constable at Burnley and subsequently working across the county at Blackburn, Accrington, Preston and Blackpool.

He said: "It is an absolute honour to have been selected as an ACC in Lancashire, a county I have been proud to serve for 21 years.

Challenges

"I would like to thank all those who have supported me, including staff, partner organisations and particularly my family. I look forward to playing my part in the future of policing and serving the communities of Lancashire going forward."

DCC Andy Rhodes said: "I am delighted that Terry will be joining our new team and his knowledge of Lancashire's communities and operational challenges will be a real asset for us. Terry has a hard-earned reputation and will bring fresh insights to our plans for the future."

And Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, added: "This is an exciting time in Lancashire Constabulary with a new leadership team building on a solid and high-performing legacy of their predecessors.

"A new team brings new momentum and innovation helping us to meet new challenges and I am looking forward to working with the new assistant chief constable, Terry Woods and the rest of the senior management team on delivering my police and crime plan for Lancashire."

New assistant chief constable Terry Woods

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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County councillor deserves thanks for prompt response to verges problem

I AM emailing as I have recently read several letters sent in from residents of Aughton and Ormskirk with regard to the public grass verges in our area and totally agree with the points they raised.

After reading their letters in the paper, I decided it was time as a resident to also make a complaint.

I firstly wrote to Rosie Cooper to ask if she could help or put me in touch with the department concerned. At the time of writing I have not had a reply or an acknowledgement which concerns me that our MP is not listening to problems that her constituents may have regardless of whether they are big or small.

I then phoned West Lancashire District Council who advised me that it was the county highways department who were responsible for the grass verges and they kindly put me through to Lancashire County Council.

Unfortunately, I did not get a favourable response other than they would pass on the information, but could not say who or if anyone would get back to me.

I found this totally unacceptable because like all residents we live in a nice area and pay our council tax, a proportion of which goes for the upkeep of the public areas/highways so feel somebody should be accountable and get the problem sorted.

I then decided to email our local Lancashire County Councillor, David O'Toole, for help in getting the complaint to the relevant department and to my surprise I got an immediate reply and action.

He got the relevant department to take action and got a site visit with the head of the department and contractor to examine the work carried out in the area for them to ensure that it is cut properly and to the standard expected.

I am sure all the residents of Aughton and Ormskirk will be pleased if we see the work carried out correctly and it will be a pleasure to walk or drive around our villages and towns.

Thanks Councillor David O'Toole for all your help in getting this sorted.

I feel it all too easy for us to complain and never get the time to say thank-you when someone helps get a problem sorted.

S. Bryan, by email

Services suffering due to lack of co-operation between authorities

THE situation of overgrown highway verges highlighted in your readers' correspondence in recent weeks is yet another example of the borough and county councils no longer working well together.

Arrangements for grass cutting have changed and the borough council no longer carries out much of this work.

The local input has been replaced by contractors hired by the county council. Their budgets are reduced, which is a significant cause of the bad state of verges, but neither do they have the civic pride or local knowledge needed to carry out the work well.

Several residents have complained to me and I have written to the new portfolio holder at the county council.

However what doesn't help is finger-pointing. Instead, the borough council leader should pick up the phone to his county counterpart and roll up his sleeves to be part of the solution.

As councillors we've been elected to provide decent services to residents and currently our councils are at loggerheads with services suffering.

Councillor, Adrian Owens,
Derby ward councillor

PICTURE of the week

Magpies on patrol as a hopeful squirrel nibbles a few breakfast morsels from Friday night's discarded take-away. Picture by Martyn Snape

Borough has too many councillors for size of area

RE: The green bin garden waste charge, I object to paying an extra £30 for this service.

We are currently paying an extra 5% on the general rate for 2017/18, so why is this extra £30 needed?

The green bin collection service was introduced as another 'groundbreaking' save the country panacea, about five years ago. So why?

We received a four-page quality produced leaflet suitable for 10-year-olds to understand when a one-page flyer would have done. Why the waste?

I object to West Lancs having 54 councillors for this small authority covering 346 square kilometres with 120,000 residents.

Lancashire County Council is 10 times the size of West Lancs, with 3,075 square kilometres, has 84 county councillors, two of them for Skelmersdale, and 1.5million residents.

Why does West Lancs need so many councillors achieving so little other than brandishing their portfolios?

The Skelmersdale town centre development is a no-go and the proposed rail link such an obvious white elephant, it cannot happen.

White Moss toxic waste debacle is notable for the council's low profile. Do they hope it will go away?

Above all, I object to the flagrant waste of money and the non-accountability of the council.

Graham P. Walker,
Dorchester Road, Up Holland

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IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Town *IS* changing - for the better! - and much of it's down to Edge Hill influence

I AM writing in response to Steve Kelly's letter (Champion, June 7).

I don't believe Ormskirk is in 'steady decline' and I don't recognise its 'litter-strewn streets and unoccupied shops.'

Where Mr Kelly sees unoccupied shops, I see an appetite for new businesses investing in the town centre with new retail start-ups. I also see quality multiple retailers (e.g Starbucks) investing similarly.

Where Mr Kelly sees litter-strewn streets, I see a newly-paved Moor Street with attractive new street furniture. The food and drink offering is without doubt improving at a rapid pace and I think if the right site became available we would soon see a quality multiple restaurant operator, similar to Pizza Express.

Ormskirk is clearly changing (in my view) for the better. This is in no small part down to the influence of Edge Hill University and the youthful energy it brings.

For my part, I look forward to seeing Ormskirk develop further as a vibrant, safe and friendly place to live, work, and socialise and I have no doubt that it will continue to do that.

Alex McCann,
Aughton

Overgrown pavements and empty shops - does council not care about Ormskirk?

I FEEL compelled to write after reading the many comments on the decline of Ormskirk.

I moved to Ormskirk two years ago, I thought it would be good to live closer to a shopping centre and have the benefit of the facilities around it.

How wrong was I?

The shopping centre now contains many empty shops. You go out for a walk and you are walkIng past overgrown grass verges.

The pavement along Holborn Hill is overgrown with three-foot high nettles.

In parts you only have a foot-wide path to walk on because the weeds have spread across the pavement.

The tarmac pavements are crumbling. We have now lost the beautiful display of flowers on the island coming into Ormskirk.

What is this council spending our taxes on?

I lived under Sefton Council for many years and didn't appreciate what they actually did.

Maybe someone from West Lancs Council would like to get in touch with the paper and tell us why they are happy to let the area decline.

Or maybe they don't live in Ormskirk so don't care about the area.

M. A ., Ormskirk

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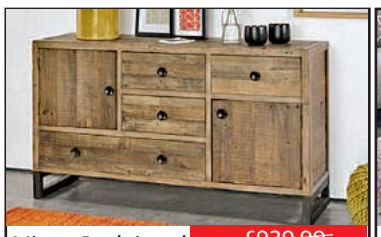

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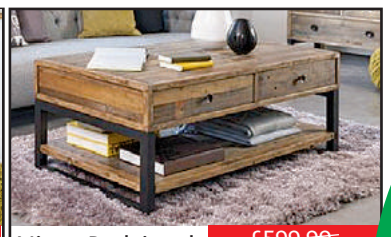

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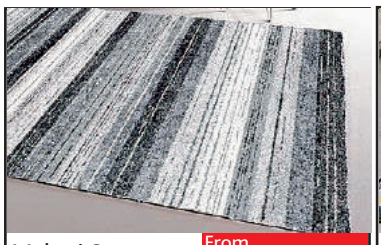

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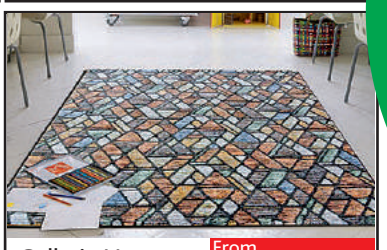

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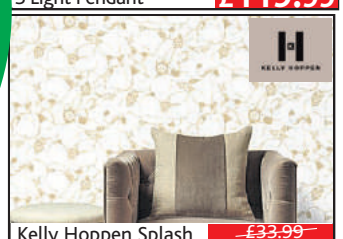

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The fundraising team at the Ormskirk branch of the Nationwide Building Society

Building society fundraiser for brain tumour charity in memory of colleague's dad

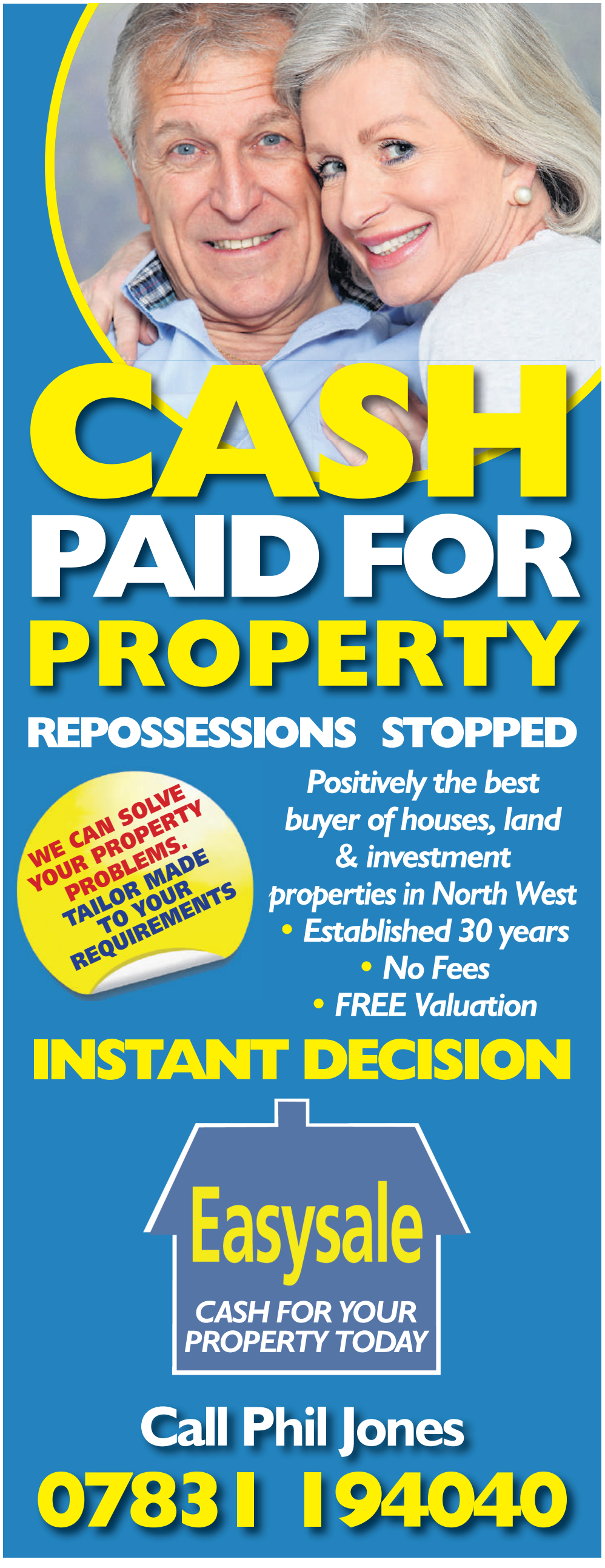
BIG-hearted staff at the Ormskirk branch of the Nationwide Building Society have been raising funds for Brainstrust, a UK-based brain tumour support charity, in memory of a colleague's dad.

Branch manager Janet Eccleston's dad, Michael Carpenter, was diagnosed with a brain tumour on Christmas Eve, 2015 and despite a brave battle he passed away last April.

Colleagues at the branch in Burscough Street decided to raise funds in Michael's name for the charity, which provides personal 24/7 support from the point of diagnosis onwards, by holding a tombola and selling tea and cakes for donations.

To boost the total Janet and her husband Gary also did a sponsored walk up Mount Snowdon.

The building society holds a number of community events throughout the year.



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Fruitless search for 'proper' scissors illustrates problems of modern shopping

HAVE you ever lost a treasured and/or useful possession and been determined to replace it? Well recently, the loss of just such a thing - plus a couple of TV programmes - set me thinking about shopping and its inherent difficulties.

My loss is a pair of scissors. You'd think that they would be an unlikely candidate for the term 'treasured' and generally I'd agree. But this particular pair were useful to me for many and varied applications. I've no idea who bought them or when (they certainly pre-date my mother's death towards the end of the last century).

They were about six inches long, with the fairly short cutting edges set at an angle. I imagine that their intended use was for cutting toenails (for which they would have been admirably suited) but so far as I know were never used for this purpose.

However, for a myriad of ordinary, everyday tasks they were just the job. From opening stubborn packaging (tough postal items, biscuit wrappings, you name it) to clipping pieces of wire, they were my everyday friend.

And now I find them gone! I can only assume I temporarily put them down on a pile of papers and stupidly managed to throw them out for recycling. Whatever, they have disappeared.

So I set out a few days ago with the intention of finding similar scissors and buying a replacement. Easier said than done. First of all, where does one buy 'proper' (as opposed to cheap and cheerful) scissors? I tried a couple of hardware shops without success, but having mentioned the possible toenail connection, I was steered towards the chemists' shops. And at Boots in Ormskirk I thought I had struck lucky. The very helpful assistant recognised the description I gave her and showed me to a display of scissors which included just one gap - the space where my replacement scissors should have been! Still, at least I know where to look in future weeks, so thank-you to my helpful assistant.

The next chemist (a far larger emporium) was not so helpful. The assistant I asked for help there simply pointed in the general direction of 'foot care' - where I found corn plasters, creams and gels but no scissors. I'll just have to keep up the search, but at least I have helpful Ormskirk Boots to fall back on.

Anyway, I've seen a number of TV programmes recently about 'rip-offs' in various forms as applied to food shopping, a subject close to my heart. Comments about supermarkets increasingly selling food items either in gargantuan-sized bags, or as part of two-for-one promotions really struck a chord. You can, for instance, buy monster bags of carrots for fluppence but though you can buy carrots loose, they tend to be rather grotty-looking and in any case cost more per kilo than the pre-packaged bags!

Meat and chicken too tends to be available only in largish packs, or again as two-for-one, which is probably great value but not much use to the single person who has neither the space to store all kinds of comestibles, nor the wish to eat the same thing night after night. And the so-called 'good news' that the big stores now supply gourmet meals for one is all very well if you have a large disposable income, which I do not.

Mind you, one of the programmes I watched recently fell into the same kind of trap. The idea was to test the value of these all-in lunch deals for people on the go. But their idea of testing was to send out volunteers to each of the large chains making such offers, asking them to select what they considered the best deal from the selection on offer and then marking each outlet for the value.

But they took no notice of the quality of food, nor the fact that not everybody wants the 'best deal' irrespective of whether or not they actually liked whatever that was!

Children's Laureate gives inspiring talk to Edge Hill's budding primary school teachers

THE UK's Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell, inspired the next generation of primary school teachers with a creative and entertaining guest lecture at Edge Hill University's annual 'Read to Inspire' event at the faculty of education.

The acclaimed author and illustrator, best-known for the Goth Girl series of children's books, as well as his political cartoons for The Observer newspaper, sketched continuously as he talked about his role as Children's Laureate and his career as a 'doodler'.

Pictures drawn by Chris at the event will be auctioned by the faculty to raise money for Skem International, part of Skelmersdale Outreach Trust, which works to support refugees in the local area.

Chris also emphasised the importance of school libraries and read from several of the poems he has illustrated.

Prior to his talk, he delighted the assembled trainee teachers and staff from Edge Hill's partner schools with spontaneous sketches of audience members, which he signed and presented to them as keepsakes.

The event also included practical tips on encouraging children to read more adventurous literature from Nikki Gamble, director of the Just Imagine Story Centre in Essex. Nikki also spoke about the centre's latest research into guided reading and a new podcast for teachers - all accompanied by Chris Riddell's witty scribblings.

After the event, Chris chatted to students and teachers and signed copies of his books.

Event organiser, Michelle Vickers, a member of the university's Primary English team, said: "Nikki and our guest authors are always inspiring but Chris, in particular, had a significant impact on our student teachers and visiting school partners."

Chris Riddell (left) works on another sketch during his talk at Edge Hill University

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Members of the Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows group

The Ormskirk and Southport District branch of the Oddfellows Society, who look to involve as many people as possible in group activities and excursions, say it could benefit your health to be more friendly.

Branch secretary, Bonita Hesketh, said: "There are many reasons to get involved with our group, but essentially we're about helping people of any age get a bigger kick out of life.

"We've so much to offer if you take a look.

"Meeting new people locally, getting more involved in the community through volunteering and fundraising and, most importantly, having reliable people to turn to in good times and bad, is the bedrock of what we offer.

"And we'd love for new people to come along, give us a try and see how we could bring that extra bit of happiness into their lives."

The Oddfellows is a non-profit mutual society based on a community bonded by friendship, care and charitable support. It is one of the largest friendship societies in the UK, with 310,000 members and 132 branches nationally.

Bonita added: "We're here for everyone from all walks of life and we know that by bringing people together, we can achieve so much more than we could alone."

The Ormskirk and Southport District branch meets every first Wednesday of the month from 10.30am at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Southport. It runs regular free or inexpensive activities for members including day trips, walks and coffee mornings.

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Borough tribute to nation's armed forces

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The Ministry of Defence flag will be raised at the war memorial in Coronation Park in Ormskirk and the ceremony will be attended by service veterans, the deputy lieutenant of Lancashire, Mrs Gail Stanley and the Mayor and Mayoress of of West Lancashire Councillor Neil Furey and Mrs Julie Furey.

Chief executive of West Lancs Council Kim Webber, borough councillors and local uniformed groups will also attend and residents and those working in West Lancashire are invited to go along and pay their respects.

Skelmersdale Prize Band will perform from 4.45pm before the ceremony officially starts at 5pm when Father Michael Thompson, the mayor's chaplain, will say a short prayer.

Mrs Stanley will formally present the MoD flag to the mayor, Cllr. Furey who will respond by saying: "We are honoured to receive this flag as a tribute to all our armed services, who have served in the past and are serving today.

"It is with pride that the borough of West Lancashire shows its support by dedicating this moment to them. We trust that this ceremony will be remembered with warmth and affection by all men and women who are serving or have served the colours."

A veteran will then give the following tribute: "Today, we have great pride in paying tribute to the men and women who defend Britain.

"Today we also remember the sacrifices made by the veterans of conflict. I hope that you will all join me today in paying homage to our armed forces past and present who serve our country each day with pride and dignity."

The flag will then be raised with the assistance of a cadet. Skelmersdale Prize Band will play music as the flag is raised. The ceremony is expected to be completed by 5.20pm.

Councillor Furey said: "It will be a great privilege for me to take part in this special ceremony as we pay tribute to veterans and those who are currently serving in our armed forces. I hope many people will join us on this momentous occasion."

Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire, Gail Stanley with the then Mayor of West Lancs, Coun Liz Savage and uniformed officials at last year's ceremony in Coronation Park to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

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CCG aims to improve continence services for young people

Families' experiences sought to help with 'high-quality and cost-effective' redesign

PARENTS and carers of children in West Lancashire with some form of bladder and/or bowel dysfunction are being urged to share their experiences to help redesign local continence services.

Staff at the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are seeking to improve the children's continence services by calling on the views of those families who are supported by them.

Carol McCabrey, service redesign manager at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "Our aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of these children and young people through supporting local service redesign that is high-quality and cost-effective.

Carol McCabrey

"Before we do anything, we need to fully understand what it is like for patients and families who require a continence service. Everything we hear will help us make improvements locally. We are looking to hear from children, young people and their parents, families and/or carers with views and experiences to share. All conversations can be arranged on an individual basis and treated confidentially and anonymously, as required."

The CCG would like to hear from children and or their families/carers in relation to children or young people up to the age 19 who currently use a continence service. Views are also welcome in relation to young people with special educational needs and disability up to 25 years.

Views can be shared with the CCG by email at myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk.

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Activities at this year's transport-themed family-friendly event, organised by the Burscough Heritage Group, will include a tombola, raft race and vintage vehicle exhibition.

Colin Wareing, one of the organisers, said: "There is still time for any individuals, clubs or organisations with old forms of transport to get involved and come along to display their pride and joy, or to get a team together to build a raft.

"There is an entry fee for rafts to cover insurance, with any profits being donated to charity."

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Win a luxury stay at the Mercure Haydock Hotel

The prize on offer in this week's Champion includes a one night stay for two people including a delicious breakfast and dinner at the stunning Mercure Haydock Hotel.

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For your chance to win, simply answer the following question:

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a. Sarah's
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Then, just send your answer on a postcard (don't forget to include your name and address, and a daytime contact number) to Mercure Hotels Competition, The Champion, 166 Lord Street, Southport PR9 0QA. Entries must reach us by the competition's closing date of Friday, June 23, 2017. The winner will be the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random after the closing date. Good luck!

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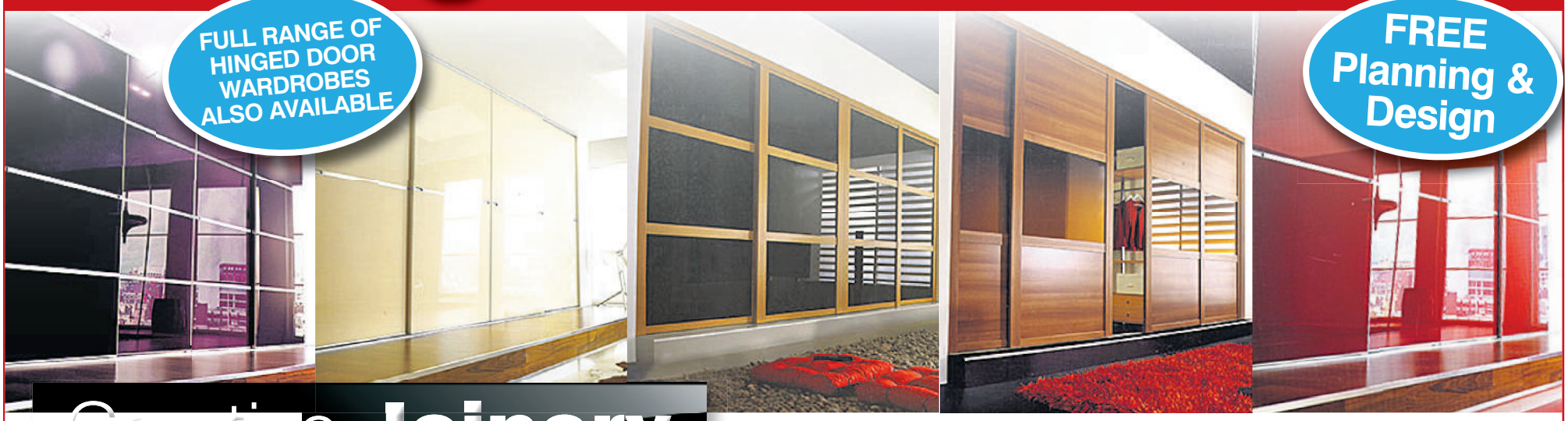

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Mr Parbulele winner Esme Beesley (third from left) with the other finalists

Esme has designs on success in mascot contest

CHILDREN from six schools across West Lancs competed in this year's contest to design a mascot for Parbold's annual Parbulele Ukulele Festival in August, with each of the finalists winning a free ukulele.

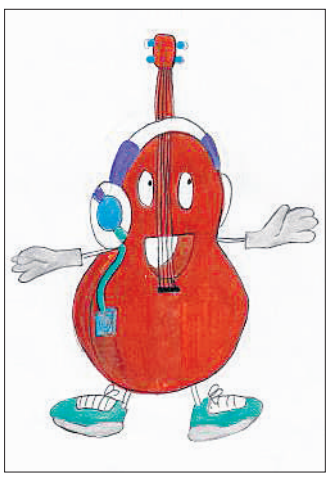
The finalists from each school were Hannah Morley from Appley Bridge All Saints CE Primary; Harry Holland from St Peter and Paul Catholic Primary Mawdesley; Grace Johnson from Newburgh CE Primary; James Baybut from Parbold Douglas CE Academy; Louis Henry from Our Lady and All Saints RC Primary School, Parbold and Esme Beesley from Richard Durnings Endowed Primary in Ormskirk.

The Mr Parbulele design competition was organised by Gary Smith, a member of Parbold Unlimited, who donated a ukulele to each of the finalists.

They will now use the design to create the mascot for the festival in August.

Overall winner was Esme Beesley who also won a £50 voucher donated by John Eccleston from Dad's Guitars of Wayfarers Arcade in Southport, who also donated a £10 voucher to each of the runners-up.

The winning entry was chosen by Les and Tim from Chonkinfeckle, a Wigan-based ukulele band, who also donated prizes of CDs and badges to each of the finalists.



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Animal sanctuary in plea for homes for rescued cats and hedgehogs

STAFF at an animal sanctuary in West Lancashire are appealing for new homes for an influx of cats and hedgehogs that they have rescued this year so far.

Helpers at the Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood say that up to 10 hedgehogs are being handed in every day!

Woodlands cares for a variety of small domestic and farm animals and it costs around £3,000 a week in donations to keep the centre up and running.

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary said: "It has been known for us to take in more than 10 sick or injured hedgehogs in one day, as well as unwanted and abandoned cats and kittens each week. This means we are often working from a waiting list of people wanting us to re-home cats so that as soon as we re-home one, we can fill that pen again with a cat from someone on the list.

"We can also become almost inundated with hedgehogs. In 2015 we admitted more than 200 hedgehogs between March and July!

"It is during this time that they start to emerge from hibernation and if they are unable to find enough food to support them, they can become unwell and it is then that you may find them out during the day. Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals so if you do see one out during daylight hours there will, unfortunately, be something wrong with it.

"All of our cats at six months old and older will have been checked by our veterinary surgeon, wormed, microchipped, tested for feline Aids and leukemia if necessary, spayed/neutered and their vaccinations started.

"This all obviously comes at a cost to Woodlands, at about £170 per cat and up to £100 per hedgehog. If you do re-home a cat from us however, we only ask for an £80 donation to go towards the care they have received."

For more information, visit www.woodlandsanimalsanctuary.org.uk.

Some of the kittens at Woodlands that need new homes

Classic car show draws crowds despite rain

ORGANISERS of the second annual Classic Car and Motor Bike Show at Mawdesley Cricket Club have declared it a great success.

Despite a damp start and a distinct lack of sunshine, more than 800 visitors attended to view the 100-plus cars and bikes on display.

With seven entry classes available, competition was fierce but good-humoured as the show, to raise funds for a new cricket pavilion for Mawdesley Cricket Club, attracted some magnificent vehicles and proud owners.

A new popular class was introduced this year for classic cars that are in regular use as everyday family vehicles.

Among the vehicles on show were Austin 7s, Hillmans, Ferraris, and Jaguar E-Types and a number went on an early morning run around the local villages.

Martin Trengove, chair of the organising committee, said: "We were not only delighted with the turn-out but also the quality of the vehicles that entered the show. You'd have thought that most owners of such precious cars and motor cycles, would have opted to stay at home on such a damp day and kept themselves and their vehicles warm and dry!"

Just some of the vehicles on display at the second annual Classic Car and Motor Bike Show at Mawdesley Cricket Club

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Civic couple join visitors to village scarecrow and heritage weekend

VISITORS flocked to the annual Halsall Village Scarecrow and Heritage Weekend.

The two-day event held on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, featured a family scavenger and treasure hunt at St Cuthbert's Church on Halsall Road.

Among the visitors to the event were the recently-installed Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey, as one of the first engagements of his year in office.

During their visit Cllr. Furey and his mayoress wife, Julie, were also given a tour and history of the church by churchwarden Stephen Hender and treasurer Colin Throp.

Funny and unique scarecrows 'popped up' all over Halsall, Lydiate, Haskayne, Barton and Shirdley Hill in the run-up to the weekend – including a bee-keeper, traffic camera and a fairy stuck in a fence, looking for her wand!

Pictured top and above: Just a small selection of the many varied scarecrows on display during the annual Halsall Village Scarecrow and Heritage Weekend.

Right: Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancs, Cllr. Neil and Mrs Julie Furey get a potted history of Halsall St Cuthbert's Church from churchwarden Stephen Hender and treasurer Colin Throp during the heritage event.

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The Up Holland High School orienteering team who have steered their way into the Lancashire School Games finals

Schools book places in county games finals

PUPILS from two more West Lancashire schools have booked their places at the finals of this year's SPAR Lancashire School Games.

Up Holland High School defeated rivals from Ormskirk School and will now represent West Lancashire at the finals in Stanley Park, Blackpool on July 4 against teams from 14 other districts in a bid to be crowned county champions in orienteering.

And youngsters from St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School, Burscough clinched their place at the grand finale following victory in a high five netball competition.

Now in its 11th year, the SPAR Lancashire School Games is made up of two main events providing all children in the county with the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

At the finals more than 2,000 youngsters will compete in a range of sports including gymnastics, football and athletics, as well as two new additions to the 2017 line-up, mixed cricket and touch rugby.

The winning Burscough St John's CE Primary School netball squad

Carers Week celebration

HEALTH professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are inviting people in Lancashire to a Carers Week Event in Blackpool on Friday, June 16, to celebrate all the county's fantastic carers.

Carers Week (June 12-18) is a national campaign that aims to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges that carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK.

This year's theme focuses on building communities which support carers to look after their loved ones, while recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own.

The celebration event, taking place from 1 to 3pm at The Harbour in Preston New Road, Blackpool, offers the chance to join staff from the trust and other community services, and meet people who may be in a similar situation to you, enjoy tea and cakes and be in with the chance of winning a prize.

Sue Currey, occupational therapist clinical specialist at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Carers Week is the perfect time to bring people together and celebrate all of the fantastic carers out there.

"We are looking to raise awareness of caring, recognise the difficulties it brings and appreciate the wonderful contribution that carers make to people's lives, every single day.

"We are really looking forward to the week itself and we are proud to be involved in recognising their role and raising the profile of carers across the country. We have a lovely afternoon planned at The Harbour and everyone is welcome to come along."

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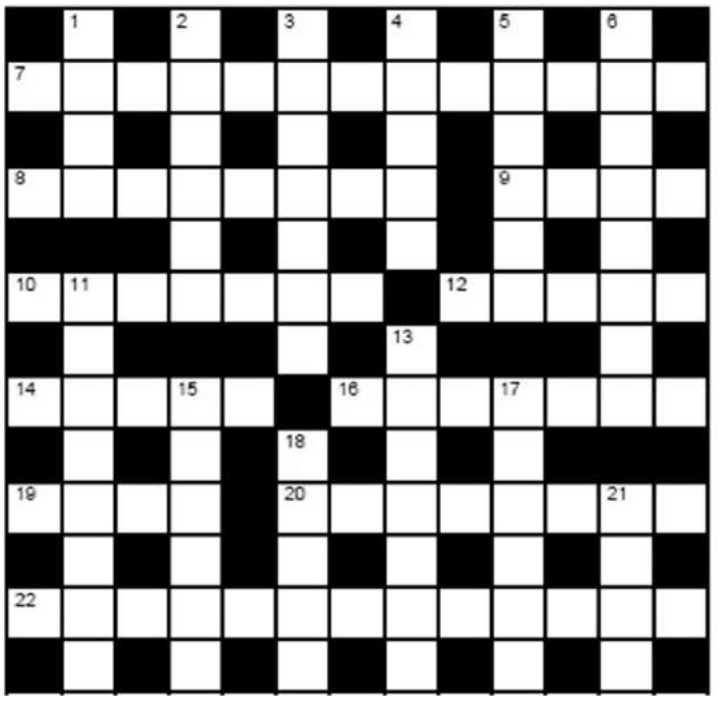

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Cave in. 8. Utopia. 9. Veto. 10. Infamous. 11. Baleful. 13. India. 15. Miaow. 16. Satchel. 18. Brethren. 19. Tuba. 21. Escort. 22. U-boats.

Down: 1. Raze. 2. Remote control. 3. Envious. 4. Quaff. 5. Communication. 6. Minutiae. 12. Apiarist. 14. Painful. 17. Truth. 20 Beta.

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ACROSS

7. Needing no explanation (4-9)
8. Untroubled, easy going (8)
9. Semi-precious variety of agate (4)
10. Having made a valid will (7)
12. Attach or fasten (something) to something else (5)
14. 44th president of the USA (5)
16. (Of a structure) Poorly made, unsound (7)
19. Title of former Russian emperors (4)
20. Area for take-off, landing and maintenance of planes (8)
22. Manual dexterity, conjuring trick (7, 2, 6)

DOWN

1. Greek cheese (4)
2. Change resulting from an action or other cause (6)
3. Made a glutton of oneself (7)
4. Layabout (5)
5. Unique event (3-3)
6. Running order of records chosen to be played on a radio show (8)
11. Misappropriate funds (8)
13. Bitter criticism (7)
15. Edge or border (6)
17. Chess piece usually represented by a horse's head (6)
18. Country house or cottage in Russia (5)
21. Wild cat (4)

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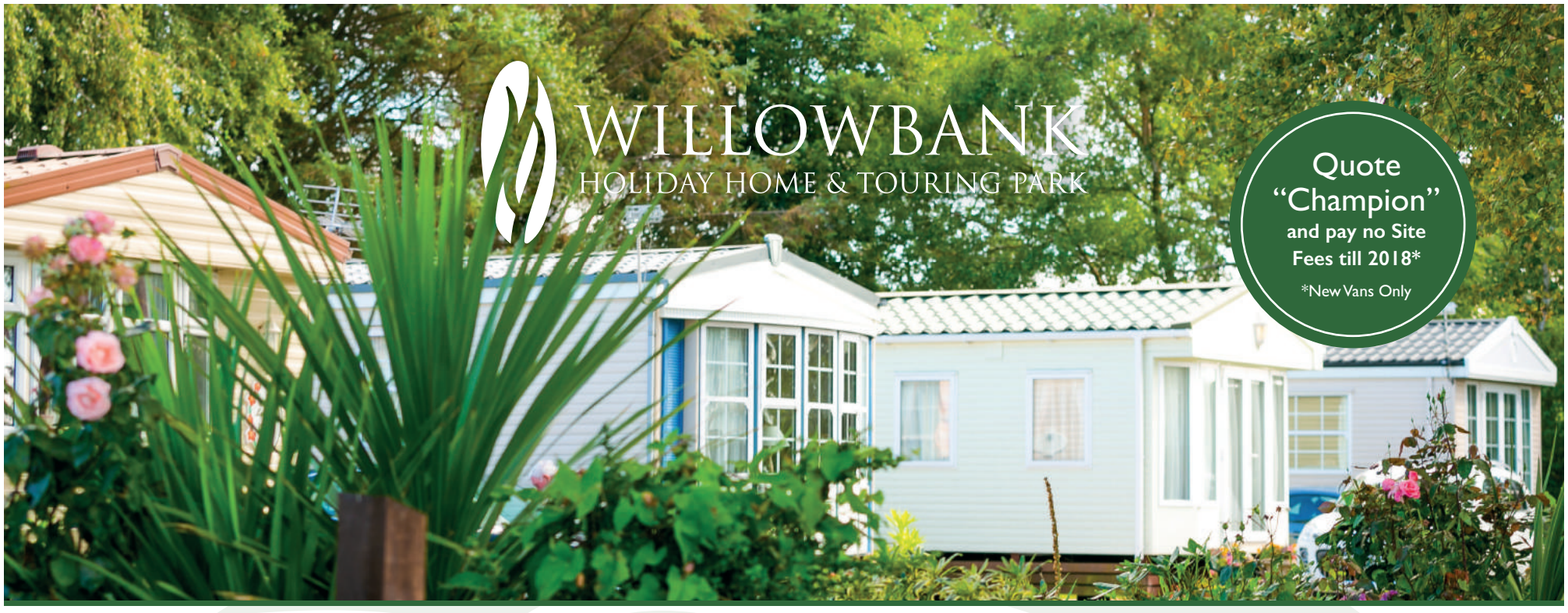

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Dig out your shades for The Chicago Blues Brothers

DIG out your shades and pork pie hat for a night with The Chicago Blues Brothers, at Southport Theatre on Saturday, June 24 at 7.30pm.

Overflowing with heart and brimming with soul, this award-winning spectacular is the world's biggest and best-loved production of the Blues Brothers.

The show is a high-octane, adrenaline-pumping musical mash-up that presents the best material from the original Blues Brothers movies and is jam-packed full of songs by legends such as Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Ray Charles, Tina Turner, Cab Calloway - plus many other blues, soul, Motown and funk classics, and a few surprises thrown in along the way. It captures the sound, energy and persona that propelled the film to a cult status and still thrills audiences worldwide today.

Direct from the UK with an all British cast, this show has become the world's favourite and most authentic tribute to the kings of cool. It continues to amaze audiences across the globe and is a must see for all Blues Brothers fans and entertainment lovers alike. The ultimate party show, the Chicago Blues Brothers cast pay great attention to the sound and feel of the music, all performed with the same accuracy, passion, energy and spirit of the legacy created by Aykroyd and Belushi.

Complete with a set designed exclusively by Spanish artist Jordi Machi, the show is invited to perform at festivals, theatres and arenas all over the world - from Switzerland to Dubai, Norway to Poland, even Latvia to Thailand, the show continues to thrill audiences all over the world.

The Blues Brothers are given spirited, energetic reincarnations in the form of Chris Hindle as Jake and Gareth Davey as Elwood, backed by a phenomenal seven-piece live band and two hugely talented backing singers. The show boasts all exclusive arrangements of all the iconic Blues Brothers' songs and features plenty of sing-a-longs, audience interaction and participation - it's just one big party and everyone's invited to join in!

The Chicago Blues Brothers has taken the iconic cult story of Jake and Elwood and jump-started it for a new generation, with an energy that is indisputably infectious and a dazzling, riotous, exuberant spirit and heart that is impossible to resist.

For more information or to book tickets call 0844 871 3021 or visit www.atgtickets.com/southport

A scene from The Chicago Blues Brothers

Magical adaptation coming to Empire

THE New Adventures are bringing the World Premiere tour of Matthew Bourne's production of The Red Shoes to the Liverpool Empire from June 27 – July 1.

A beloved fairytale and Academy Award-winning movie, The Red Shoes has seduced audiences and inspired generations of dancers with its tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world.

Victoria Page lives to dance but her ambitions become a battleground between the two men who inspire her passion.

Matthew Bourne's magical new adaptation of the legendary Powell and Pressburger film reunites him with his regular collaborators and New Adventures Associate Artists and the team that brought audiences the world wide hit, Sleeping Beauty; Lez Brotherston (set and costumes), Paule Constable (lighting) and Paul Groothuis (sound).

This World Premiere is set to a new score arranged by New Adventures associate artist, Terry Davies using the mesmerizing music of golden-age Hollywood composer, Bernard Herrmann (most famous for his collaborations with Alfred Hitchcock, and Orson Welles).

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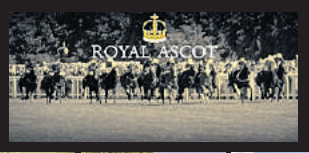

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The family of the late Rosina would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers, messages and donations received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to Dovehaven House Care Home for their care of Rosina. Thanks also to Peter Goulding for his lovely service and to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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WILSON JOHN (JACK)

Ann and family would like to thank relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and support, cards and generous donations at this sad time. Thank you to Reverend Baines for his kind ministrations and to Neal Buckley for dignified funeral arrangements.

TICKLE STANLEY (Stan)

Molly, Stan and Sian would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their love and support following their sad loss. Also Staff at Brownmoor Park Tennis Club. Nursing staff from Woodlands Home Care. Staff at Clatterbridge and Marina Dalglish Centre. Dr Bernie, for all the care given to Stan and to Reverend Cath Rogers for the wonderful service and also many thanks to H. Leslie Humphries.

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

BALL
JOHN
14th June 1935
On your 82nd Birthday

Today is full of memories, happiness and tears, of Birthday celebrations, we've shared throughout the years.
I feel that you are with me, in everthing I do, so I'll celebrate your Birthday, but I'll spend it missing you.
All our love, from your loving wife Pauline, children, in-laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren
xxx

BIRTHDAYS

PERRY
KAREN
60
6th June

HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY KAREN

Have a good day

Lots of love from Husband Alan, Mum and Dad & all the Perry family

XXX

This notice has been reprinted due to a typographical error, for which we sincerely apologise.

DEATHS

MACRAE
CHARLES
DONALD

The family are saddened to announce his passing, peacefully in hospital on 8th June aged 82 years. Beloved Husband, Father, Grandad and Brother. Funeral service will take place Friday 23rd June at 12.15pm at Ormskirk Parish Church. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to the Haematology and Oncology Day Unit, Southport & Ormskirk Hospital Trust.

DEATHS

O'BRIEN
PAUL PATRICK
10th June 2017
Aged 47 years

Our Baby Brother Paul

We can't accept the reality that you're gone. Also that we won't hear your voice or see your smile ever again. We will miss you always. Sleep tight. With love
Stephen, Carole, Joan, Sean and Brother-in-law Chris.

All funeral enquiries to Devonports Funeral Service, 117 Birleywood, Digmoor, Skelmersdale WN8 9HR. Tel 01695 731199.

O'BRIEN
PAUL PATRICK
10th June 2017
Aged 47 years

Dad.
We may have been living miles apart but somehow it always felt that you were always there. Maybe because ever since you held my tiny fingers, you showered me with nothing but love and care. Dad I miss you. Your loving Son Paul.
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O'BRIEN
PAUL PATRICK
10th June 2017
Aged 47 years

Son.

The hardest thing I've ever had to hear was that my beautiful Son Paul died. The hardest thing that I've ever done is to live everyday since that moment without you. Miss you always my baby Son. Mum x

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DEATHS

O'BRIEN
PAUL PATRICK
10th June 2017
Aged 47 years

Our Uncle Paul

We will always miss and love you R.I.P. from all your Nephews and Nieces

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SINGLETON
MARGIE
On 4th June 2017
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 69 years

Devoted Mum of Lee (Decd), Barrie and Andrew. Much loved Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren and dearest friend and soul mate of Laura. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Thomas the Martyr Church Upholland on Friday 16th June at 10.00am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

TARALDSEN
OLAF
On 6th June 2017
Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving Daughters
Aged 88 years

Loving Husband of the late Evelyn, devoted Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad, Great Great Grandad and a dear friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Thursday 22nd June at 4.00pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for any Childrens Cancer Charity. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

DI STEFANO
NICOLINA
10th June 2017
Peacefully in Hospital with her Daughter Maria By her side

Devoted and Loving Wife of Salvatore. Mum, Grandma and Great-Grandma. Nicolina with be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass at St. William of York Church Thornton on Monday June 19th 2017 at 10.15am followed by Interment at Thornton Garden of Rest. Flowers and enquiries to H. Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

BLANCHARD
PHILIP CARL
(PHIL)
May 29th 2017
Suddenly and peacefully at home aged 69 years

Best friend to Jan. Loving Dad of Nick, Kate, Sam, Matt In Laws Cecile, Shane, Carla and Gill. Loving Grandad of his "Babes" Chloe-Mia and Jake. Daddy Phil will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Helens Parish Church, Sefton on Wednesday June 21st at 1.15 followed by Cremation at Thornton Crematorium. No flowers please but if desired donations to MIND Chasing The Stigma or The British Heart Foundation c/o H. Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805.

BALL
ROBERT HENRY
(BOB)
7 June 2017
Passed away peacefully at home.

Loving Husband and soul mate to Sandra. Inspirational Dad to Kevin and Colin. Brother to Richard. Father in law to Helen and Hannah and Grandad Bob to Dylan. He will be greatly missed and dearly remembered by all who knew him. He requested no funeral or flowers and will be returned to his birth town of Peel I.O.M.

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GORDON HAROLD WILLEY (Deceased)

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(LATHOM ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Lathom Road, Bickerstaffe from Lyelake Lane to Stanley Gate.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 28/06/2017 until 26/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Ormskirk Road – Lyelake Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7716/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RYDINGS LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Rydings Lane, Banks from Gorsey Lane to Boundary Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 09/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Boundary Lane – Boltons Cop – Moss Lane – Square House Lane – Gorsey Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/8152/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Scarth Hill Lane from Parrs Lane to Poppy Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 29/06/2017 until 27/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Scarth Hill Lane – Ormskirk Road - Liverpool Road – Long Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7721/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGGINS LANE, NEW LANE AND MARSH MOSS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Higgins Lane, New Lane and Marsh Moss Lane from Liverpool Road South to Tarlscough Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1800 hours on 26/06/2017 until 21/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Tarlescough Lane – Redcat Lane – Liverpool Road North – Liverpool Road South

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7591/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD AND HESKETH LANE, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Station Road and Hesketh Lane, Tarleton from Beconsall Gardens to Church Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on the 19/06/2017 to 17/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Station Road – Shore Road – Hundred End Lane – Taylors Meaneygate – Gorse Lane – Church Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7589/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DRUMMERSDALE LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick from Damwood Lane to Bescar Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 23/06/2017 until 21/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Bescar Lane – Hall Road – Damwood Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/6996/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of Station Road, Rufford from a point 20 metres either side of the Level Crossing. 2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 2325 hours until 0625 hours on 19/06/2017 until 21/06/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Meadow Lane – Rufford Road – Hall Lane – Chorley Road – A5209 Parbold Hill – A5209 Alder Lane – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – A59 Moss Lane –A59 Causeway Lane – A59 Liverpool Road – Diamond Jubilee Road – Station Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Maintenance works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7558/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BRICK KILN LANE, RUFFORD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Brick Kiln Lane, Rufford from Cousins Lane to Tootle Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 21/06/2017 until 19/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Cousins Lane – Holmeswood Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7005/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMITHY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick from Southport Road to Heatons Bridge Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 26/06/2017 until 24/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period. 3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road – Bescar Brow Lane – Hall Road – Dam Wood Lane – Heatons Bridge Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7592/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VICARAGE LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Vicarage Lane, Westhead from Wellfield Lane to St James Church.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1800 hours on 21/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Vicarage Lane – School Lane – Wigan Road – Whiteleys Lane – Wellfield Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7720/WH]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0539/FUL Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of replacement outbuilding for use as additional residential accommodation connected to the dwellinghouse by an underground link at Needless Inn Farm Barn, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.

Application No: 2017/0540/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of replacement outbuilding for use as additional residential accommodation connected to the dwellinghouse by an underground link at Needless Inn Farm Barn, Lady Alices Drive, Lathom.

Application No: 2017/0545/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2016/0619/LBC for new stairs to provide an alternative means of escape/access and minor alterations to previously approved accommodation to form one larger (First floor) and two smaller (Ground floor) seminar rooms at Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.

Application No: 2017/0557/COU Change of use of ground floor to A3 Class and first floor to student HMO at Wan's, 8 Moorgate, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2017/0569/COU Change of use from A1 (shop) to A4 drinking establishment (wine/cocktail bar) at 4 St Helens Road, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 14th June 2017
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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A565 SOUTHPORT NEW ROAD, TARLETON AND BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (REVOCATION AND 50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 07 June 2017 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under 84 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Speed Limit Management) (Various Roads, West Lancashire Borough Area) (50MPH Speed Limit) (No 1) Order 2010" insofar as it relates to A565 Southport New Road, Banks.
2. Introduce a 50MPH Speed Limit on Southport New Road, Tarleton/Banks, from a point 226 metres south east of the centreline of Station Road (C141) in a south easterly then north easterly direction to a point 76.5 metres south west of the centreline of A59 Liverpool Road.

This Order will come into force on the 16 June 2017. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting ref: LSG4/894.3321/AFR

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
14 June 2017

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(OUTLET LANE, BICKERSTAFFE, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Outlet Lane, Bickerstaffe from Denver House to Outlet Farm.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on 26/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 03/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Simonswood Lane – Liverpool Road – Cunscough Lane – Prescot Road

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/8063/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RALPHS WIFES LANE, BANKS, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Ralphs Wifes Lane, Banks from Banks Road to Church Road. 2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 20/06/2017 until 18/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Banks Road – Into Sefton – Water Lane – Southport New Road – Guinea Hall Lane – Hoole Lane – Church Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/7007/WH]

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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of two part-widths of Holly Close, comprising parts of its current turning head, at Ormskirk in the Borough of West Lancashire.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by West Lancashire Borough Council under reference 2016/1291/WL3.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at West Lancashire Borough Council (Property Services), 61 Westgate, Skelmersdale WN8 8LP in the 28 days commencing on 14 June 2017, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/2883.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **12 July 2017**. Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

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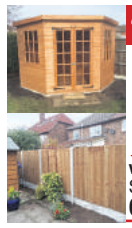

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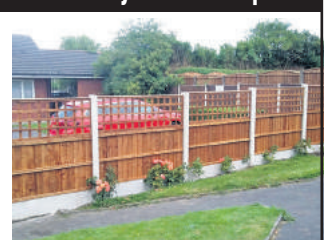

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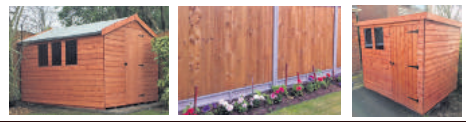

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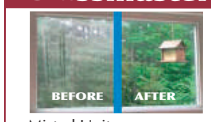

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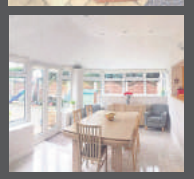

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New baby off-roader is set for November

CITROEN is taking on Vauxhall's Mokka and Nissan's Juke with its latest baby off-roader.

The C3 Aircross is the second new crossover from the French manufacturer this year, following the larger C5 Aicross launched in April.

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Special version of Mitsubishi Outlander has been released

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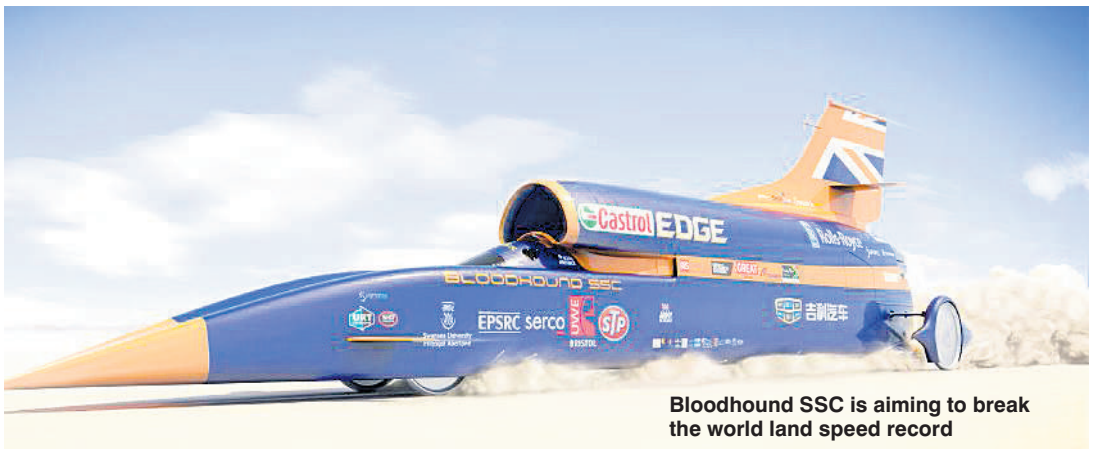

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61	Volvo S60 1.6 Diesel Se 4 Door,Leather,Sat Nav,58000 Miles,Alloys, In Black.	£9695	£8477	£1218
63	Ford Grand C Max Tdci Zetec, 7 Seater, 1 Owner,56000 Miles,Fsh, In Silver.	£9995	£9295	£700
11	Bmw 320 D M Sport Auto, 4 Doore,Leather,Msport Alloys, Fsh, In Blue.	£10495	£9990	£505
62	Bmw 116 Diesel 5 Dr,64000 Miles,Fsh,New 18" Alloys,Privacy Glass, In White.	£11995	£10990	£1005
12	Nissan Qashqai Dci 7 Seater, 1 Owner,38000 Miles,Fsh,Pan Roof, In White.	£12995	£11477	£1518
61	Kia Sportage 2.0 Crdi Kx2, ½ Leather,Alloys,Pan Roof,56000 Miles, In White.	£12995	£10990	£2005
63	Mercedes A200 Cdi Sport 5 Door,White,Alloys,Cd Player,Fsh	£14495	£13990	£505
15	Mini Countryman Diesel Automatic 5 Dr, 1 Owner,6000 Miles,Alloys, In White.	£15995	£14490	£1505
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13	Audi A8 3.0 Tdi Quattro Sport Executive Auto, Fully Loaded,Fsh, In Grey.	£24995	£21990	£3005
65	Mercedes E220 Amg Line Auto Coupe,11000 Miles,Red Leather,Pan Roof	£27995	£24995	£3000

Reg	Model	Cash Price	Per Week
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59	Ford Mondeo 2.0 Tdci 5 Door,Alloys,Air Con, Cdplayer	£4995	£19.21
60	Vauxhall Meriva 1.7 Cdti Se Auto, Black,1/2 Leather,Air Con,Cd Player.	£5995	£24.02
12	Vauxhall Corsa 1.2 Sxi 5 Dr , 30000 Miles,Alloys,Cd Player,Air Con	£5995	£24.02
61	Vw Golf 1.6 Tdi Bluemotion 5 Door,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Silver.	£6995	£28.83
59	Nissan Qashqai Dci, 50000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£6995	£28.83
15	Vauxhall Meriva 1.4 5 Door, 1 Owner, 17000 Miles,Air Con, in White.	£7995	£33.00
63	Vauxhall Insignia 2.0 Cdti Sri Estate, 1 Owner,Fsh,Alloys,Air Con, In Black.	£8495	£36.04
11	Nissan Qashqai 1.5 Dci, 62000 Miles,Alloys,Air Con,Cd Player, In Grey.	£8695	£36.52
62	Vauxhall Antara 2.2 Cdti Exclusive,29000 Miles,1/2 Leather,Alloys, In Black.	£9995	£43.25
60	Audi A4 2.0 Tdi Sline 4 Door,Rear Privacy,Alloys,Cd Player	£10495	£45.65
14	Bmw 316 D 4 Door, 1 Owner,51000 Miles, Alloys,Cd Player, in Black.	£11990	
14	Volvo V40 1.6 D R Design 5 Dr, 1 Owner,55000 Miles, Fsh,Alloys	£11995	
60	Jaguar Xf 3.0 D Premium Luxury, 1 Owner,53000 Miles,Fsh,Leather,Sat Nav	£12995	
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WHEN I was about ten I entered a *Blue Peter* competition that involved sending in drawings of Britain's biggest and boldest achievements.

Everyone else sent in pictures representing the Millenium Dome and the World Wide Web – which in hindsight is weird, because the former was lambasted a colossal waste of public money and the latter is now used for amusing cat videos.

But my rather badly scrawled doodle depicting Andy Green at the helm of Thrust SSC, correctly predicted that Britain would ace the world land speed record.

What I didn't realise was that the 763mph record would still stand today, two decades later. Which is why my inner schoolchild beamed with excitement when I heard that Thrust SSC's successor is finally ready for its first outing.

For starters it has an equally brilliant name – Bloodhound SSC – but the stats sound like they belong in an episode of Thunderbirds.

Try 0-60mph in less than a second. Barely a minute later it'll be doing 1000mph.

On its low speed demonstration runs later this year it'll comfortably keep pace with a Ferrari F40 at 200mph or so, and run on tyres borrowed from a Lightning jet fighter.

But when the big day comes it'll have no rubber at all, because there's no tyre in existence that can cope with a wheel spinning 170 times every second. Some of the numbers that come with Bloodhound SSC's record attempt boggle the mind.

Why does it matter, particularly since this project's been nearly a decade in the making and so far hasn't moved beyond static displays at car shows?

Because it shows we Brits can still do all the brave stuff when we aren't making Range Rover Evoques and Vauxhall Astras.

In the same way that the British motor industry rallied behind Donald Campbell and his Bluebird record attempts half a century ago, the Bloodhound project is being used to get schoolchildren excited about engineering and technology.

I really do hope that when the blue and orange streak of flag-flying tech finally does those demonstration runs in Cornwall later this year – followed by 800mph and then 1000mph runs on the salt pans of South Africa - it'll inspire some bright spark somewhere to get inventing.

You never know, they might even enter a competiton run by a children's TV show.

Oh, and I never did get my *Blue Peter* badge.

David Simister is editor of Classic Car Weekly

Sporty firm's comeback

A SPORTS CAR manufacturer originally based in Lancashire will unveil its comeback model this September.

TVR – which was originally based in Blackpool and closed its doors a decade ago – will use this year's Goodwood Revival to launch a new model developed in conjunction with McLaren F1 designer Gordon Murray, which will be powered by a Cosworth V8.

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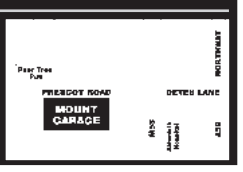

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Thousands enjoy County cricket match spectacle

NEARLY 5,000 people watched Lancashire beat Middlesex in Southport .

England prodigy Haseeb Hameed and former West Indies captain Shivnarine Chanderpaul were some of the big names in action for the County Championship game at the Trafalgar Road home of Southport & Birkdale.

The eagerly anticipated game drew huge crowds - although one day was washed out because of the rain.

Tony Elwood, chairman at Southport and Birkdale Sports Club, was overjoyed at the turnout. He said: "We had nearly 5,000 people over the three days of play. Saturday was a washout but aside from that it was a fantastic few days.

Spectators watch Lancashire v Middlesex

"The game went very well and feedback from both sets of fans has been complimentary.

"We have developed an extremely good working relationship with our colleagues from Old Trafford and they are very happy with the way everything went. The event is very much a team effort and I have been delighted with the response from club members this year.

"This is the second match of our three year staging agreement with Lancashire, so we know they will be back next Summer and have started planning already!"

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Leaders Ormskirk keep Premier Division title hopes alive at Rainhill

THE rain washed out play in Saturday's County Championship fixture between Lancashire and Middlesex at Trafalgar Road, but it didn't prevent any of our local clubs from getting out in the middle, with many sides probably wishing it had done as they would've collected more points than they gained for playing.

Leaders Ormskirk continued their push for the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division title with a 35 run victory at Rainhill, Gary Knight (68*) and George Lavelle (66) where the mainstays in the visitors 177-5 dec total. In reply, Lancashire's Simon Kerrigan produced figures of 10-4-15-5 and Scott Lees claimed 5-27 as the hosts were dismissed for 142 with Tyler McGladdery top scoring with 62.

Second placed Bootle had a seven wicket home win over bottom placed Ainsdale, the visitors were asked to bat first with Joel Barlow (28) top scoring in a below par total of 96, as the rest struggled against the accuracy of Will Purser 5-35 and Chris Stenhouse 4-32. In reply, the hosts lost two early wickets before an unbeaten 56* from Jackson Knight led them to victory on 97-3.

Northern slipped to seventh place after suffering a 46 run home defeat by defending champions Leigh, where runs from Lancashire's Karl Brown (91*) and Matty McKiernan (64*) allowed the visitors to declare after 53 overs on 191-2. In reply, skipper James Cole (42) and opener Chris Laker (34) top scored for the hosts who were dismissed for 145, with McKiernan taking the man of the match accolade with 6-43.

Tenth placed Formby continue to struggle after going down by 76 runs at Wallasey, the hosts shared the runs around as they declared on 175-4 thanks to Greg Beaver (44), Tharindu Handi (38*), Danny Beaver (35*) and Alex Eagles (26). In reply Daniel Stanley weighed in with 26 as Formby were bowled out for 99, with Chris Bourne 4-39, Handi 3-22 and Andy Beaver 3-28 sharing the wickets to fall.

First Division

Fleetwood Hesketh moved up to sixth place with a 92 run victory at third placed Rainford, the visitors were asked to bat and thanks to all rounder Jack Wrigglesworth (41), skipper Tommy Wareing (36*), Neil Rimmer (32) and Lee Bolton (29) managed to post 188-8 dec up on the board, with John Dotters taking 6-39. In reply, Matthew Bailey top scored with 32 as the hosts were swept aside for 96 with Wrigglesworth taking 5-21.

Burscough sit in tenth place after a five wicket defeat at Orrell Red Triangle, the visitors posted 185-9 dec up on the board, thanks to runs from skipper Jon Stones (72), Brendan Domigan (36) and Ryan Hughes (32), with Gareth Houghton taking 3-38 with the ball. In reply, 93 from skipper Andrew Mottram and an unbeaten 75 from Matt Morgan helped the hosts to victory on 189-5.

Hightown St Mary's remain at the foot of the table after a seven wicket defeat at Sefton Park, Muhammad Zeb (27) top scored for the visitors as they crumbled to 68 all out, with Joe Francis taking 4-4. In reply, an unbeaten 52* from opener Scott Aitchison helped the hosts seal victory on 72-3.

Second Division

Maghull climbed to fifth place with a 139 run home win over Wavertree, after being put in to bat the hosts declared on 207-9, thanks to runs from Greg Gillespie (51), skipper Paul Walters (40) and 26 apiece from Cam Lawrenson and Macauley Lawrenson, with Paul Hogan taking 3-28. In reply, an inspired spell of bowling from William Mashinge 6-11 and four victims behind the stumps from Paul McKenna helped Maghull dismiss the visitors for just 68.

Southport Trinity suffered a six wicket defeat at Alder, where Sam Smith (13) was the only Trinity player to hit double figures as they were blown over for just 50 by former Ainsdale paceman Nazim Mohammed, who returned remarkable figures of 12.1-7-14-8. In reply the hosts slipped to 13-3 before order was restored with Kamran Hussain scoring an unbeaten 36 as Alder sealed victory on 54-4.

● ***This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm)Ainsdale v Lytham, Formby v Northern, Ormskirk v Bootle, Southport & Birkdale v Wallasey, Burscough v Birkenhead Park, Fleetwood Hesketh v Prestatyn, Hightown St Mary's v Skelmersdale, Northop Hall v Maghull and Southport Trinity v Old Xaverians.***

Former Blues striker signs for Skem

SKELMERSDALE United strengthened their hand for the coming season by securing three players on contracts, including experienced former Everton striker Lewis Codling, writes ***NEIL LEATHERBARROW.***

The others - Steve Gillespie and Danny Ventre - extended deals highlighted in the Champion a couple of weeks ago into 12 month contracts.

Twenty six year old Codling is a local name having previously played for rivals Marine and Warrington Town.

After he left Everton, Codling made the move into Welsh football, initially with Aberystwyth Town then with Bala Town. At the latter he appeared in the Europa League. In two seasons with the 'Lakesiders' Lewis made 100 appearances netting 17 times.

Codling then spent two seasons with Marine, joining Warrington for their initial season in the Evo-Stik Premier Division.

While at Cantilever Park he was absent from the Wire team that lost 4-0 at Skelmersdale in October, but scored against Skem in what was Tommy Lawson's last match as manager in January.

Steve Gillespie

Lewis Codling

Lewis himself is quoted on the Skelmersdale United website as saying; "I'm happy to sign for Skem and looking forward to helping the club in the pursuit for promotion next season"

Skelmersdale United manager Alan Rogers is pleased with his new recruits, adding; "Lewis is a fantastic signing for Skem as he brings pace and goals to the team. I am delighted to get his signing over the line."

After signing forms in May, both 31 year old Ventre and 32 year old Gillespie were secured on one year contracts on General Election day.

Tough tackling Ventre has worked with Alan Rogers before at Sligo Rovers.

He said: "I am delighted to sign for the club and help them push for promotion next season.

"Having worked under Alan before, I know how he goes about the job and I hope to be part of a successful season for United."

Gillespie, who was with Skem for the second half of last season on loan from Warrington, said: "I'm delighted to be on board here at Skem and eager to push for promotion next season - that's the main aim for us after a mixed campaign last season."

● Another announcement made by Skelmersdale United over the weekend was the price for season tickets next season when Skem will be playing at Prescot Cables from November. They will play at their present ground until then.

Ticket prices have been reduced. Adults will be £165 and Concessions £90, although if supporters buy their tickets before Friday, July 21 they will be £150 and £80 respectively. These tickets will include free entry to all home pre-season matches.

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